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REMARKS

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1. a. The Scharnhorst Kaserne and the Gneisenau Kaserne of ZERBST (M 52/D 98) were occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops of tank and artillery units on 6 October 1949. Four AA guns of 50 to 80 mm caliber with barrels about 13-feet long, four other AA guns of 30 to 50 mm caliber with about 10-feet long barrels and two field guns of about 100 mm caliber with barrels about 10-feet long were seen in the caserne yards.

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- b. Infantry field exercises by about 300 troops were observed near LUEBS (M 53/D 88) and PROEDEL (M 53/D 89) on 9 October 1949. A radio station flying a white flag with the inscription "127 ou K J" was on the edge of the woods about 1 1/4 miles east of LUEBS.

- c. A field exercise of 35 tanks having 75-mm guns was observed near LINDAU (M 53/D 99) on 11 October 1949.

- d. A convoy of about 50 trucks, loaded with pontoons and bridge-building equipment, moved from the direction of MAGDEBURG through ZERBST on the same day, allegedly heading towards DESSAU (M 52/E 17).

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2. The following observations were made in ZERBST on 19 November 1949:

- a. Gneisenau Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by units wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with the tank insignia.

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b. Scharnhorst Kaserne:

Occupied to capacity by units of an unidentified branch of service

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